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In re application of:

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For: *Fuel Cell System*

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of an application under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2 at line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--One proposal of a fuel cell electricity generation process in which a hydrocarbon fuel is converted to a fuel cell fuel stream including hydrogen in a steam pre-reformer is disclosed in EP-A-0435724. The temperature in the pre-reformer is